



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Hideji Tajima

Serial No. 09/646,653

Filed: September 18, 2000

For:
APPARATUS FOR INTEGRATED PROCESS
OF MAGNETIC PARTICLES AND METHOD OF
CONTROLLING SAME

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Group Art Unit: 1743

Examiner: Handy, Dwayne K.

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED OCTOBER 10, 2003

Introductory Comments

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on October 10, 2003.

The amendments which follow add claims, but it is believed that no additional filing fee is due, because Applicant has previously paid a filing fee sufficient to cover all of the claims which are now pending. More specifically, when this application was originally filed, Applicant paid a filing fee sufficient to cover a total of 48 claims, including 4 independent claims. Entry of this amendment results in the application having a total of only 37 claims, 3 of which are independent.

A fee for a three month extension of time is necessary. The extension of time is hereby requested, and a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is filed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-1394 of Haynes and Boone, LLP.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.